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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 41

Introduced by Assembly Member Mitchell

March 21, 2011

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 41—Relative to the CHP Officer Philip Dennis Ortiz Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 41, as amended, Mitchell. CHP Officer Philip Dennis Ortiz Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 405 in the County of Los Angeles as the CHP Officer Philip Dennis Ortiz Memorial Highway. The measure would request that the Department of Transportation determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, Philip Dennis Ortiz was born June 27, 1961, in
- 2 Santa Monica, California; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Philip graduated from Santa Monica High School
- 4 in 1979 and attended Santa Monica City College; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Prior to joining the California Highway Patrol
- 6 (CHP), Philip worked for a local supermarket; however, he always
- 7 had a dream of becoming a CHP Officer; and

1 WHEREAS, On December 23, 1982, CHP Officer Philip Dennis
2 Ortiz, badge number 10428, graduated from the CHP Academy
3 and was assigned to the central Los Angeles area office; and

4 WHEREAS, After more than seven years of service in the central
5 Los Angeles area, Officer Ortiz was transferred to the west Los
6 Angeles area, where he spent the remainder of his career; and

7 WHEREAS, Officer Ortiz performed several duties over the
8 course of his career, some of which included a motorcycle officer,
9 a motorcycle officer in charge of training the officers who
10 successfully passed motor school, a weapons/range officer, a
11 physical methods of arrest (PMA) instructor, and protective
12 services detail (PSD); and

13 WHEREAS, Philip Dennis Ortiz was married to his best friend,
14 Jessica, in 1983, and couldn't have been happier; and

15 WHEREAS, On June 22, 2010, CHP Officer Philip Dennis Ortiz
16 pulled a vehicle over for a high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane
17 violation. While approaching the vehicle, another car was driving
18 along the shoulder and struck Officer Ortiz and his motorcycle;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Officer Ortiz was transported to the Ronald Reagan
21 UCLA Medical Center where he remained until his passing almost
22 two weeks later; and

23 WHEREAS, CHP Officer Philip Dennis Ortiz is survived by
24 his wife, Jessica, sister, Anna, mother, Irene, and stepfather,
25 Claude; and

26 WHEREAS, Officer Ortiz is admired for his professionalism,
27 dedication, honesty, loyalty, respect, courage, and "esprit de
28 corps." He consistently represented the best of the CHP and was
29 an outstanding role model; now, therefore, be it

30 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
31 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
32 portion of State Highway Route 405, south of National Boulevard
33 and north of Palms Overcrossing, ~~milepost marker 405-LA-29.51~~
34 ~~to milepost marker 405-LA-29.16~~, in the County of Los Angeles
35 as the CHP Officer Philip Dennis Ortiz Memorial Highway; and
36 be it further

37 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
38 to determine the cost of erecting the appropriate signs, consistent
39 with the signing requirements for the state highway system,
40 showing this special designation, and upon receiving donations

1 from nonstate sources covering the cost, to erect those signs; and
2 be it further
3 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
4 of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the
5 author for appropriate distribution.

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